

# Towards ontology patterns for ocean science repository integration



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for Geoscience Data Sharing and Discovery**

## **EarthCube:**

**Developing a Community-Driven Data and Knowledge Environment for the Geosciences**

**“concepts and approaches to create integrated data management infrastructures across the Geosciences.”**

**“EarthCube aims to create a well-connected and facile environment to share data and knowledge in an open, transparent, and inclusive manner, thus accelerating our ability to understand and predict the Earth system.”**

**Bottom-up constructed project.**

**Currently first phase:**

- **Integrating ocean science repositories BCO-DMO and R2R, as well as datasets from the WHOI Library, AGU abstracts, NSF projects.**
- **Demonstrable added value (faceted integrated search).**
- **Key: extensible architecture that has the potential to grow to EarthCube size**

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**Few models  
Many inferences**



**Few axioms / weak theory**

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Few inferences**

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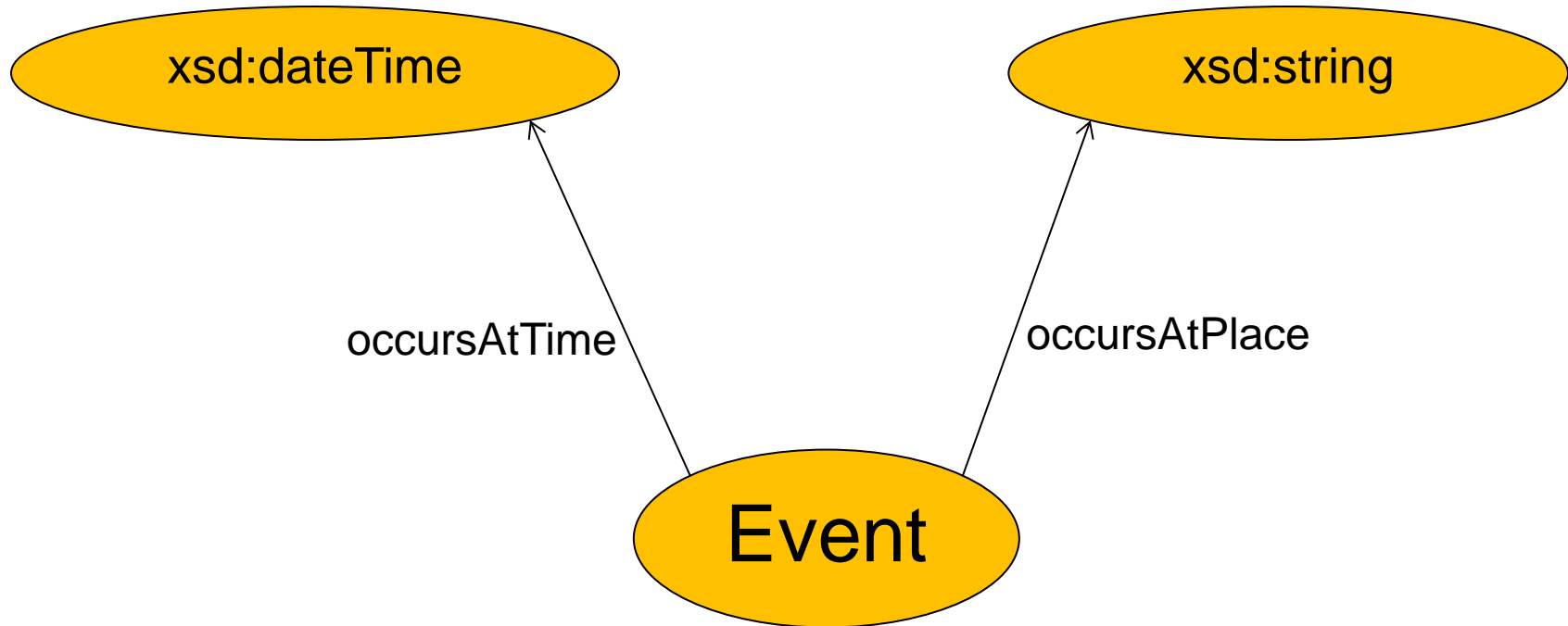
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**“An ontology design pattern is a reusable successful solution to a recurrent modeling problem.”**

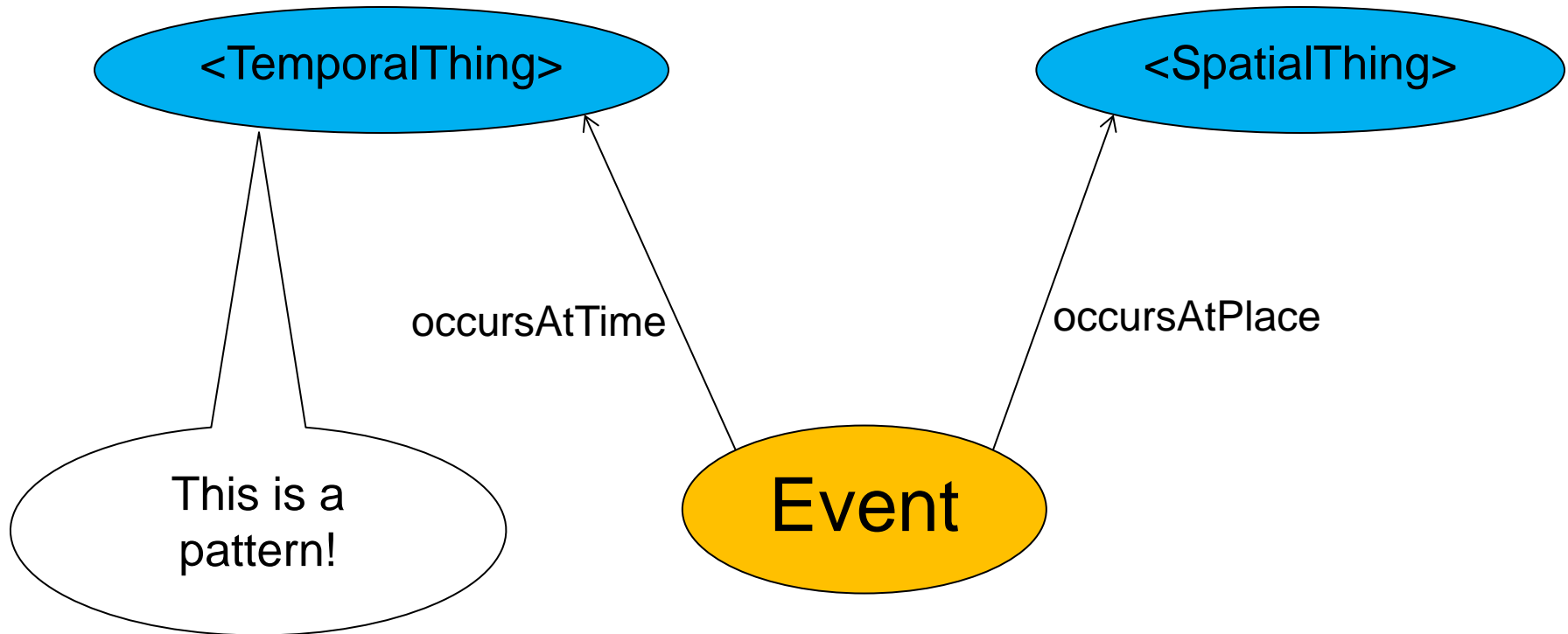
**So-called *content patterns* usually encode specific abstract notions, such as process, event, agent, etc.**



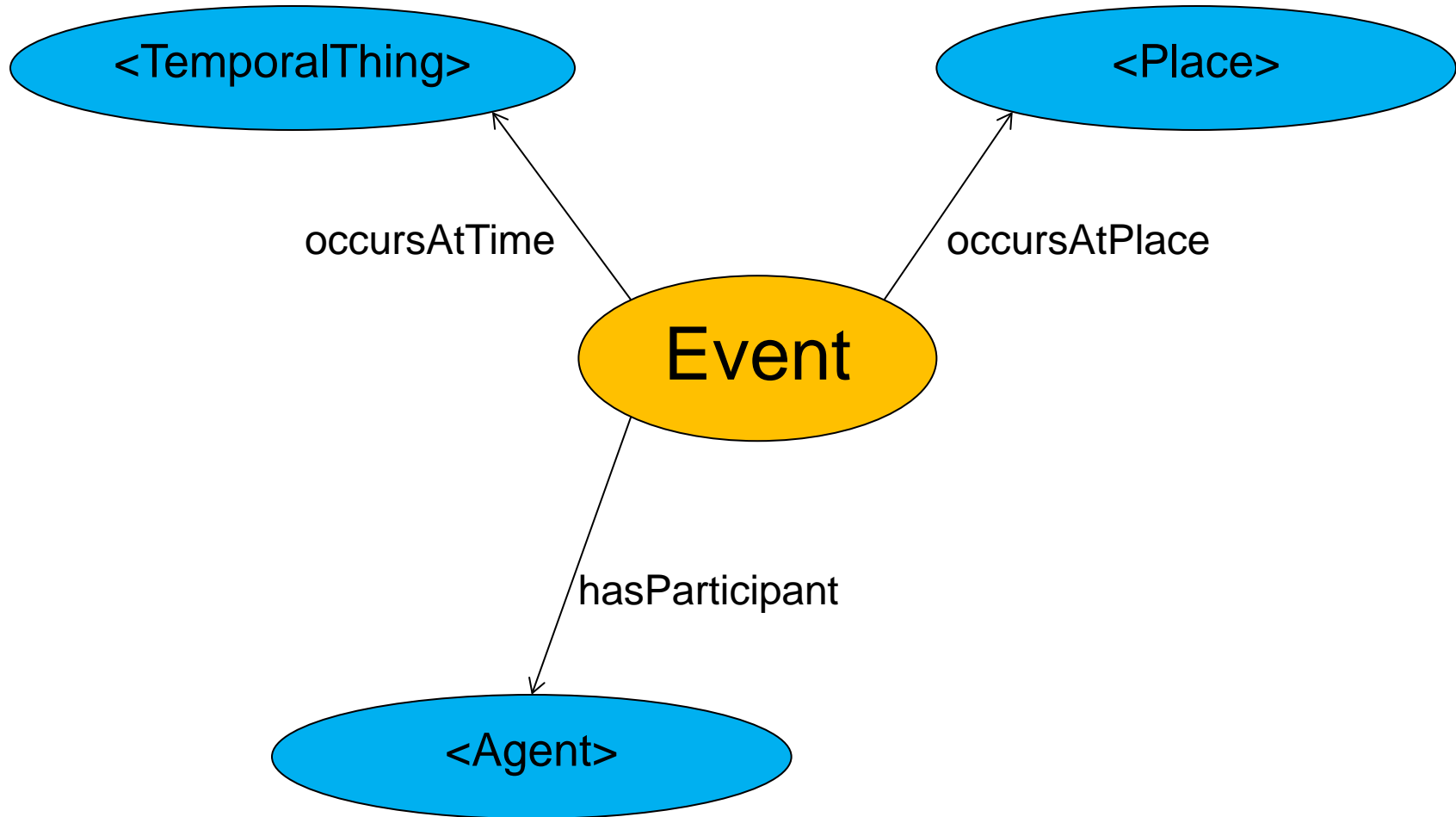


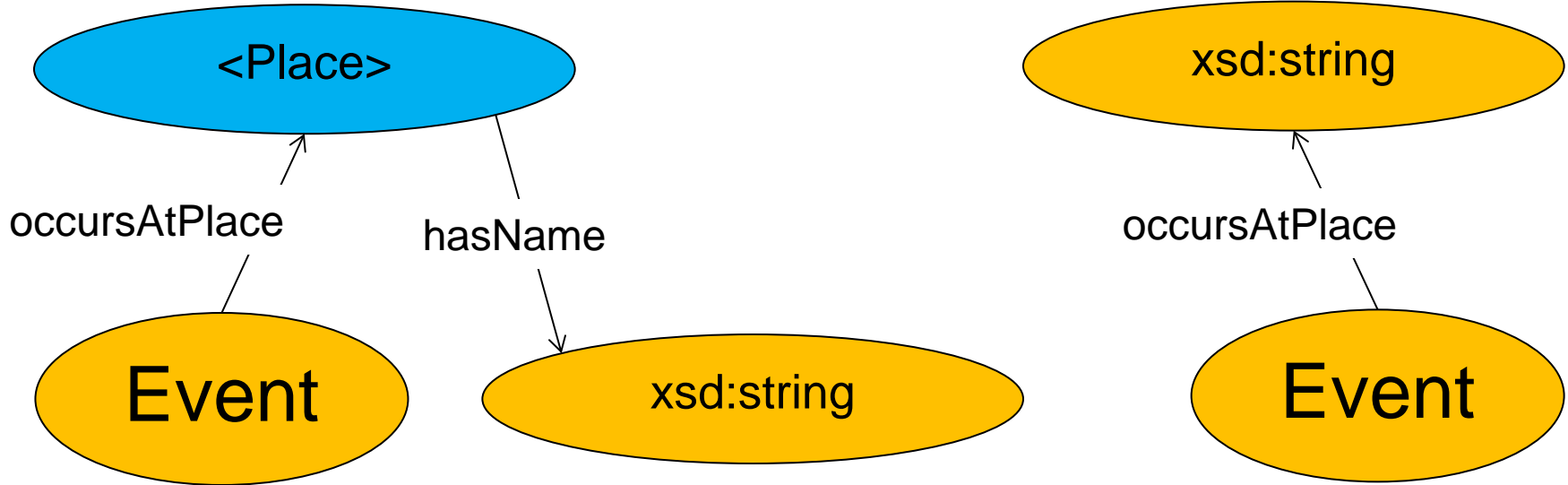
$\text{Event} \sqsubseteq \text{occursAtTime.xsd:dateTime}$

$\text{Event} \sqsubseteq \text{occursAtPlace.xsd:string}$



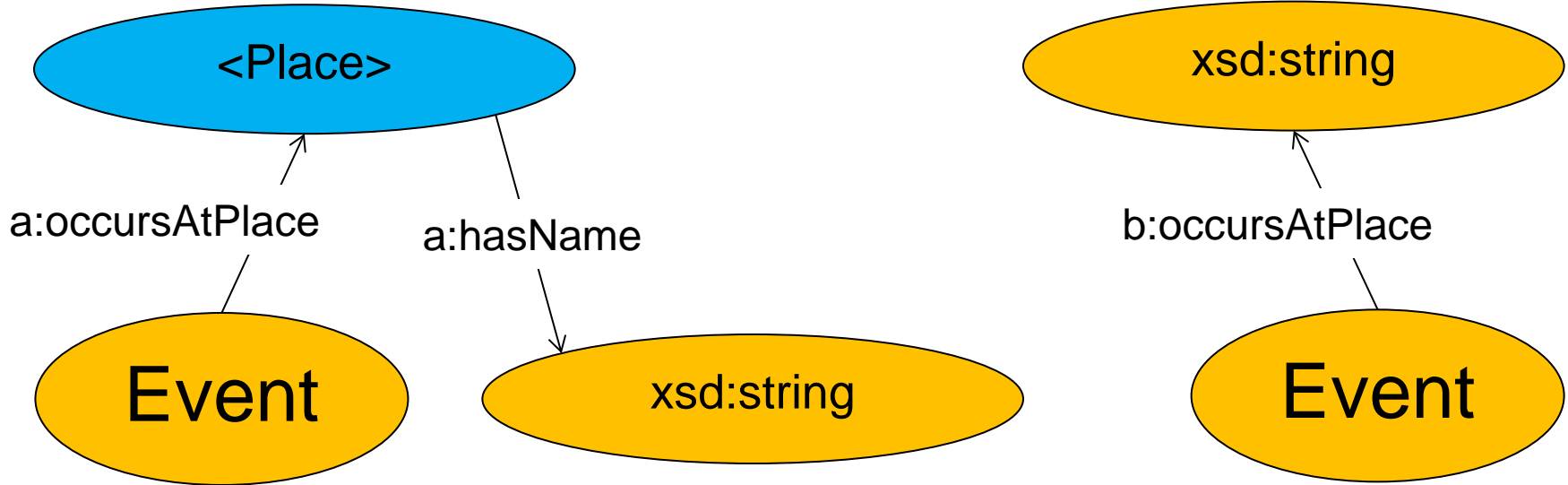
But what about events taking place in Second Life?





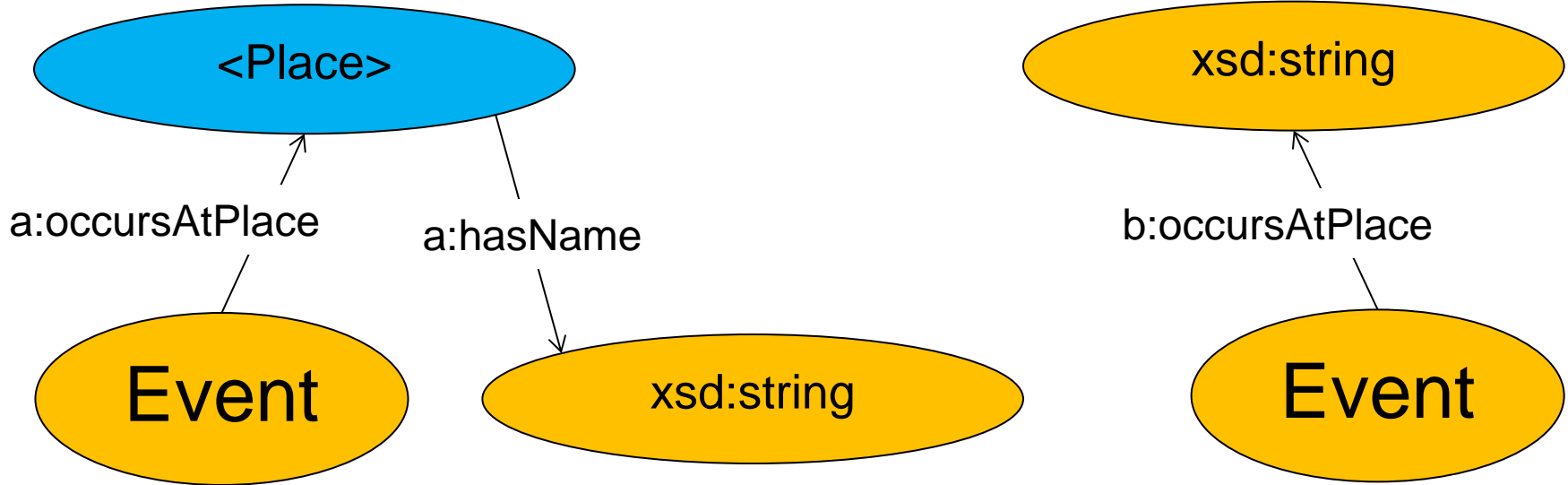
$\text{occursAtPlace} \circ \text{hasName} \equiv \text{occursAtPlace}$

There are several things wrong here!



$a:\text{occursAtPlace} \circ a:\text{hasName} \equiv b:\text{occursAtPlace}$

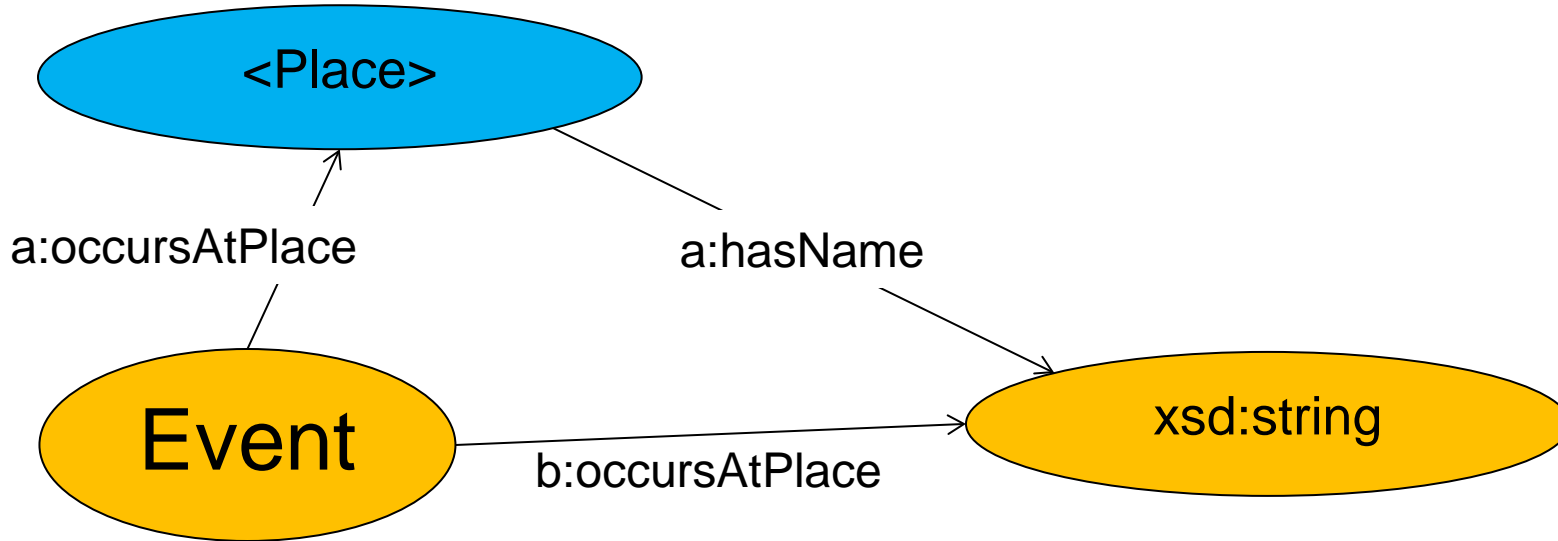
Better, but ...



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**The latter is not in OWL!**

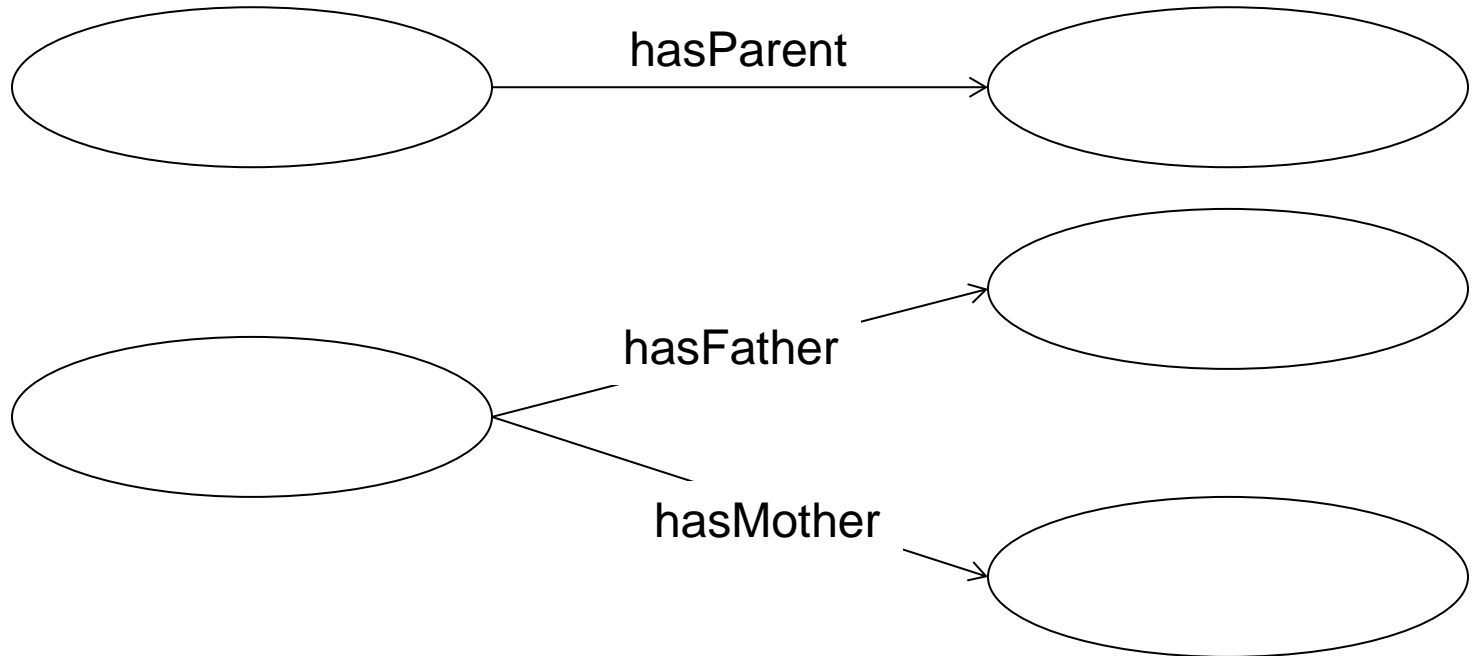


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## Splitting a role:



$\text{hasFather} \sqsubseteq \text{hasParent}$

$\text{hasMother} \sqsubseteq \text{hasParent}$

$\text{hasParent} \sqsubseteq \text{hasFather} \sqcup \text{hasMother}$

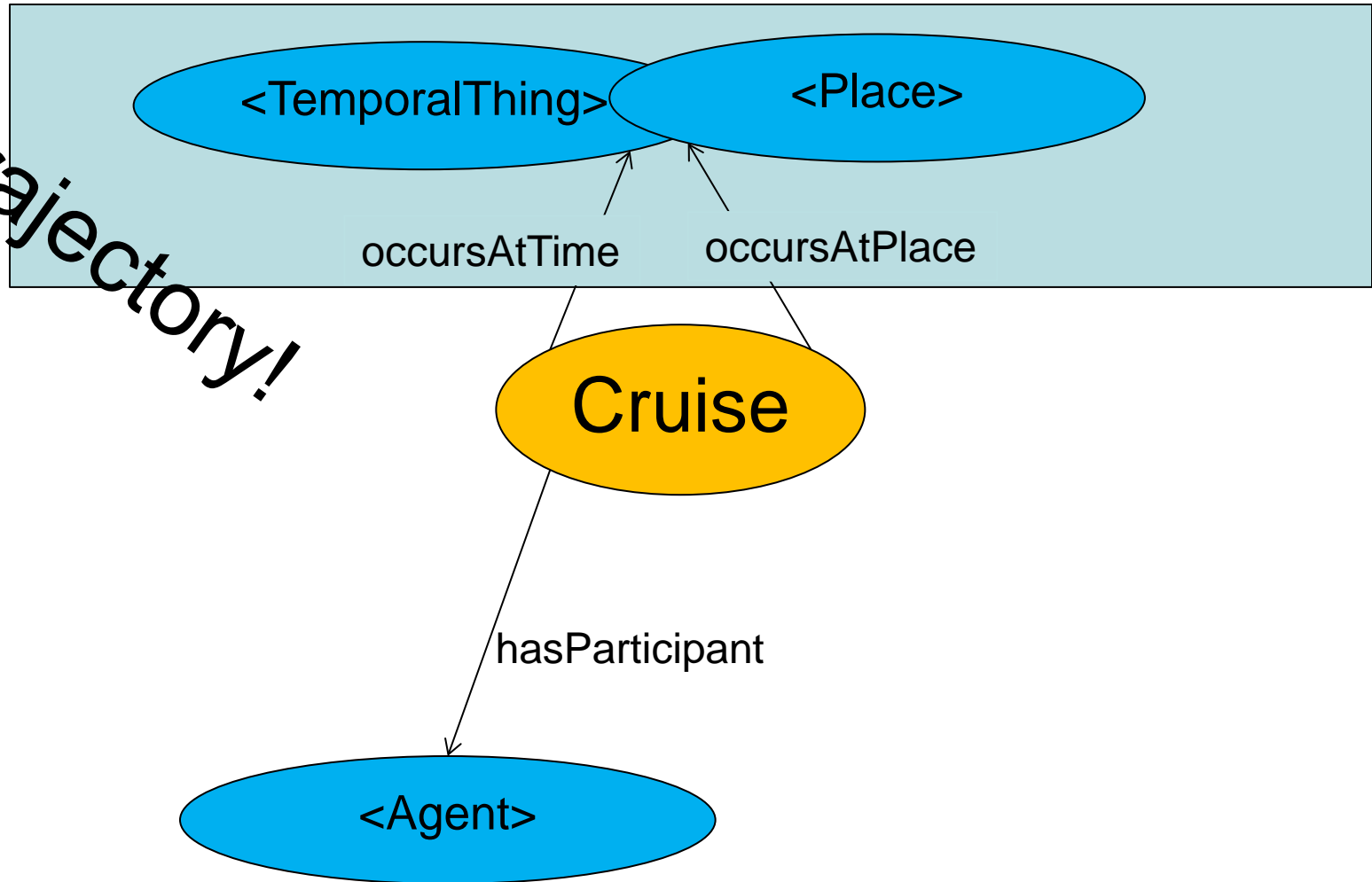


For us: *ocean science cruise*.

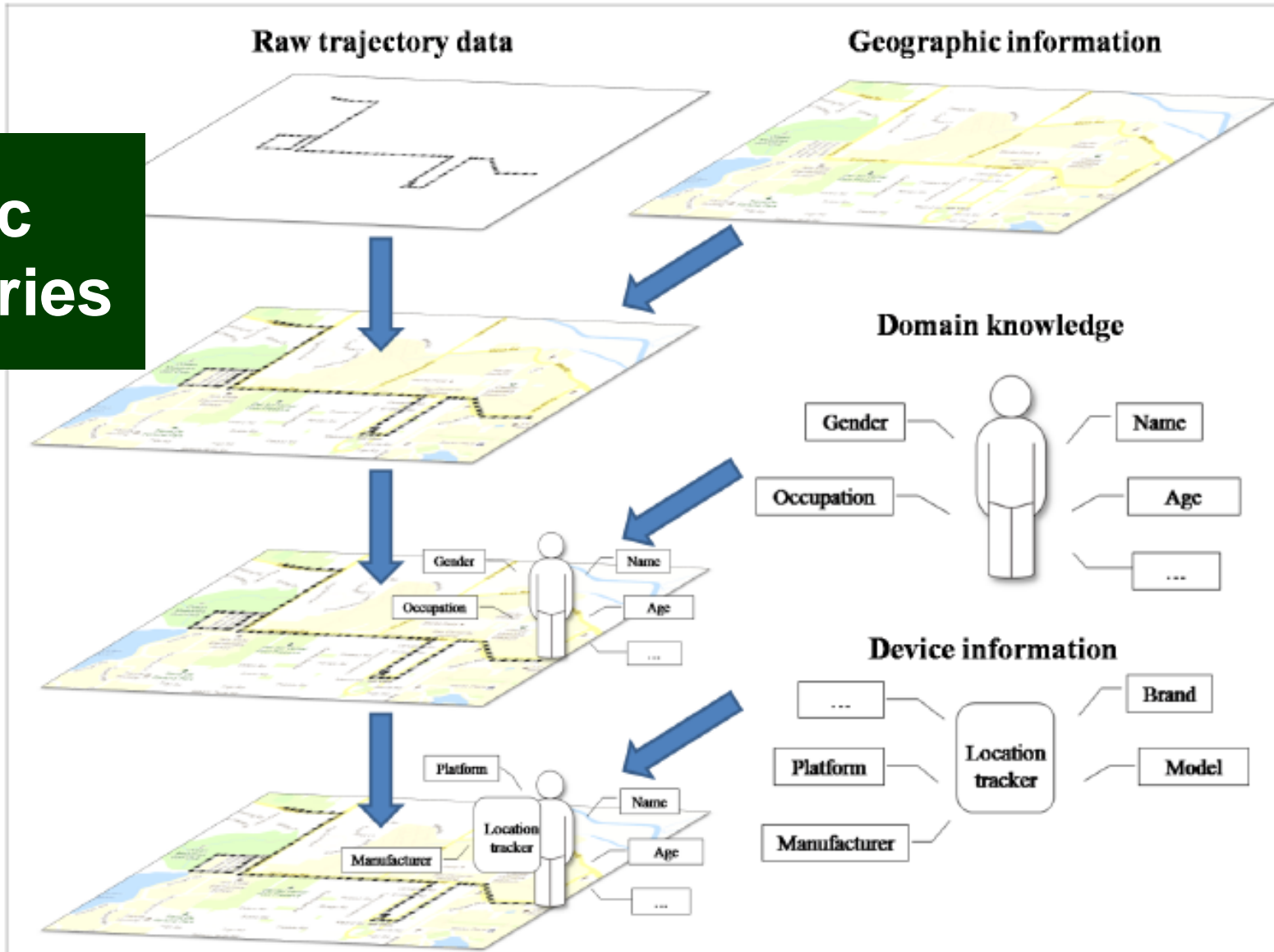
A cruise is a type of event.

But what kind of place does it occur at?

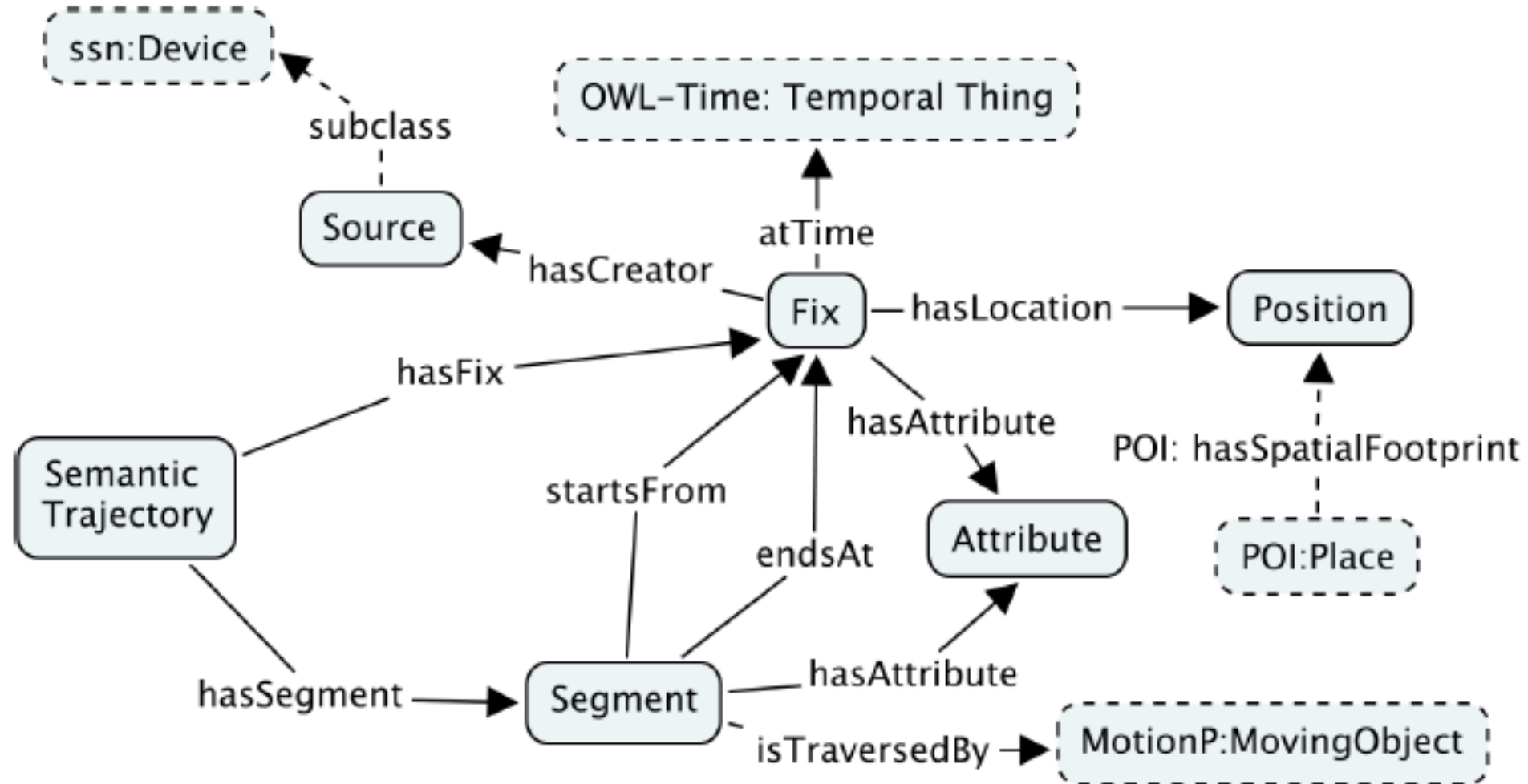
*A trajectory!*



# Semantic Trajectories



[Hu, Janowicz, Carral, Scheider, Kuhn, Berg-Cross, Hitzler, Dean, COSIT2013]



$$\begin{aligned} \textit{Fix} \sqsubseteq & \exists \textit{atTime}.\textit{OWL-Time:Temporal Thing} \sqcap \exists \textit{hasLocation}.\textit{Position} \\ & \sqcap \exists \textit{hasFix}^-.\textit{SemanticTrajectory} \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

$$\textit{Segment} \sqsubseteq \exists \textit{startsFrom}.\textit{Fix} \sqcap \exists \textit{endsAt}.\textit{Fix} \quad (2)$$

$$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 \textit{startsFrom}.\top \quad (3)$$

$$\top \sqsubseteq \leq 1 \textit{endsAt}.\top \quad (4)$$

$$\textit{Segment} \sqsubseteq \exists \textit{hasSegment}^-.\textit{SemanticTrajectory} \quad (5)$$

$$\textit{startsFrom}^- \circ \textit{endsAt} \sqsubseteq \textit{hasNext} \quad (6)$$

$$\textit{hasNext} \sqsubseteq \textit{hasSuccessor} \quad (7)$$

$$\textit{hasSuccessor} \circ \textit{hasSuccessor} \sqsubseteq \textit{hasSuccessor} \quad (8)$$

$$\textit{hasNext}^- \sqsubseteq \textit{hasPrevious} \quad (9)$$

$$\textit{hasSuccessor}^- \sqsubseteq \textit{hasPredecessor} \quad (10)$$

$$Fix \sqcap \neg \exists endsAt.Segment \sqsubseteq StartingFix \quad (11)$$

$$Fix \sqcap \neg \exists startsFrom.Segment \sqsubseteq EndingFix \quad (12)$$

$$Segment \sqcap \exists startsFrom.StartingFix \sqsubseteq StartingSegment \quad (13)$$

$$Segment \sqcap \exists endsAt.EndingFix \sqsubseteq EndingSegment \quad (14)$$

$$SemanticTrajectory \sqsubseteq \exists hasSegment.Segment \quad (15)$$

$$hasSegment \circ startsFrom \sqsubseteq hasFix \quad (16)$$

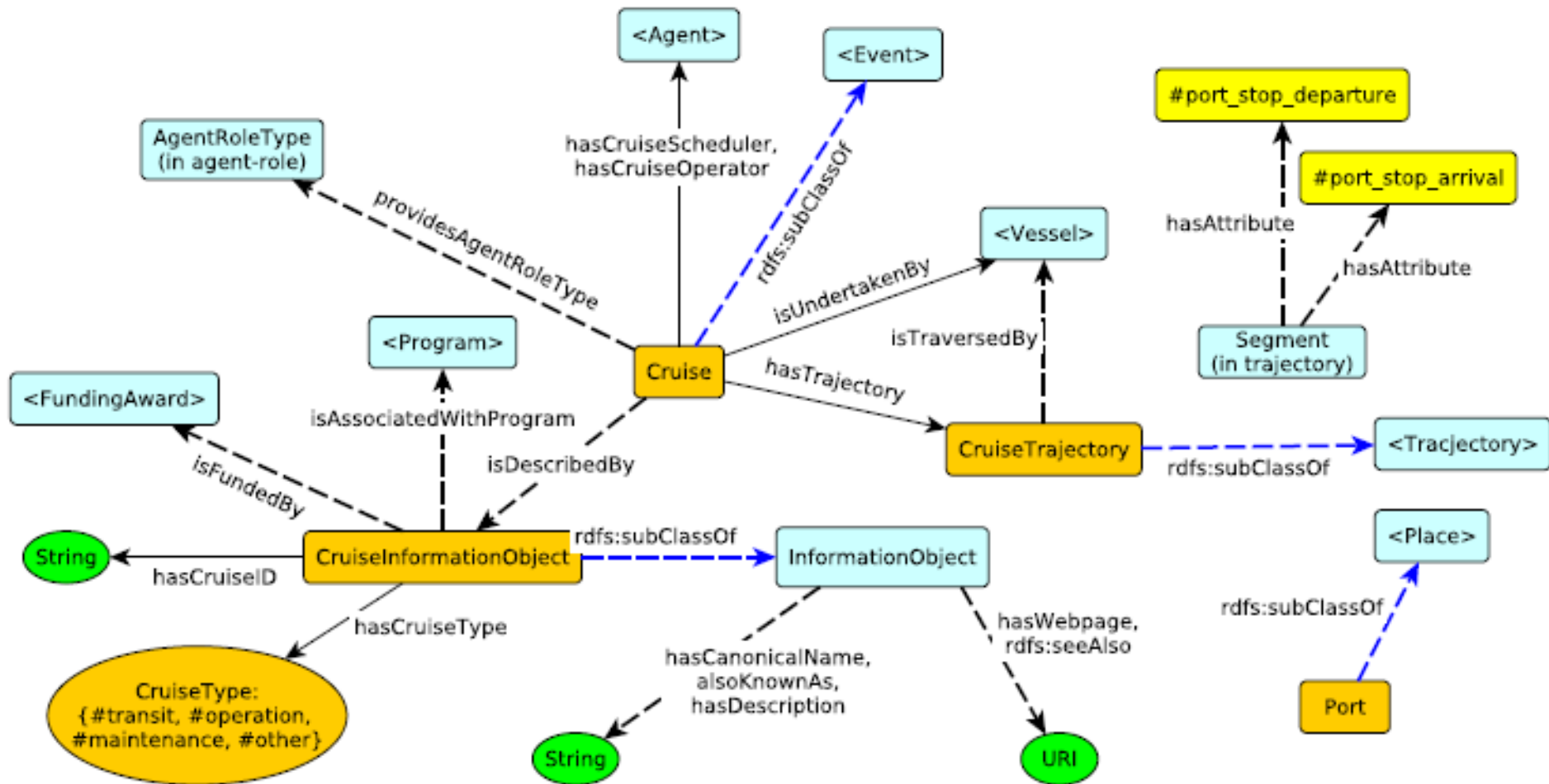
$$hasSegment \circ endsAt \sqsubseteq hasFix \quad (17)$$

$$\exists hasSegment.Segment \sqsubseteq SemanticTrajectory \quad (18)$$

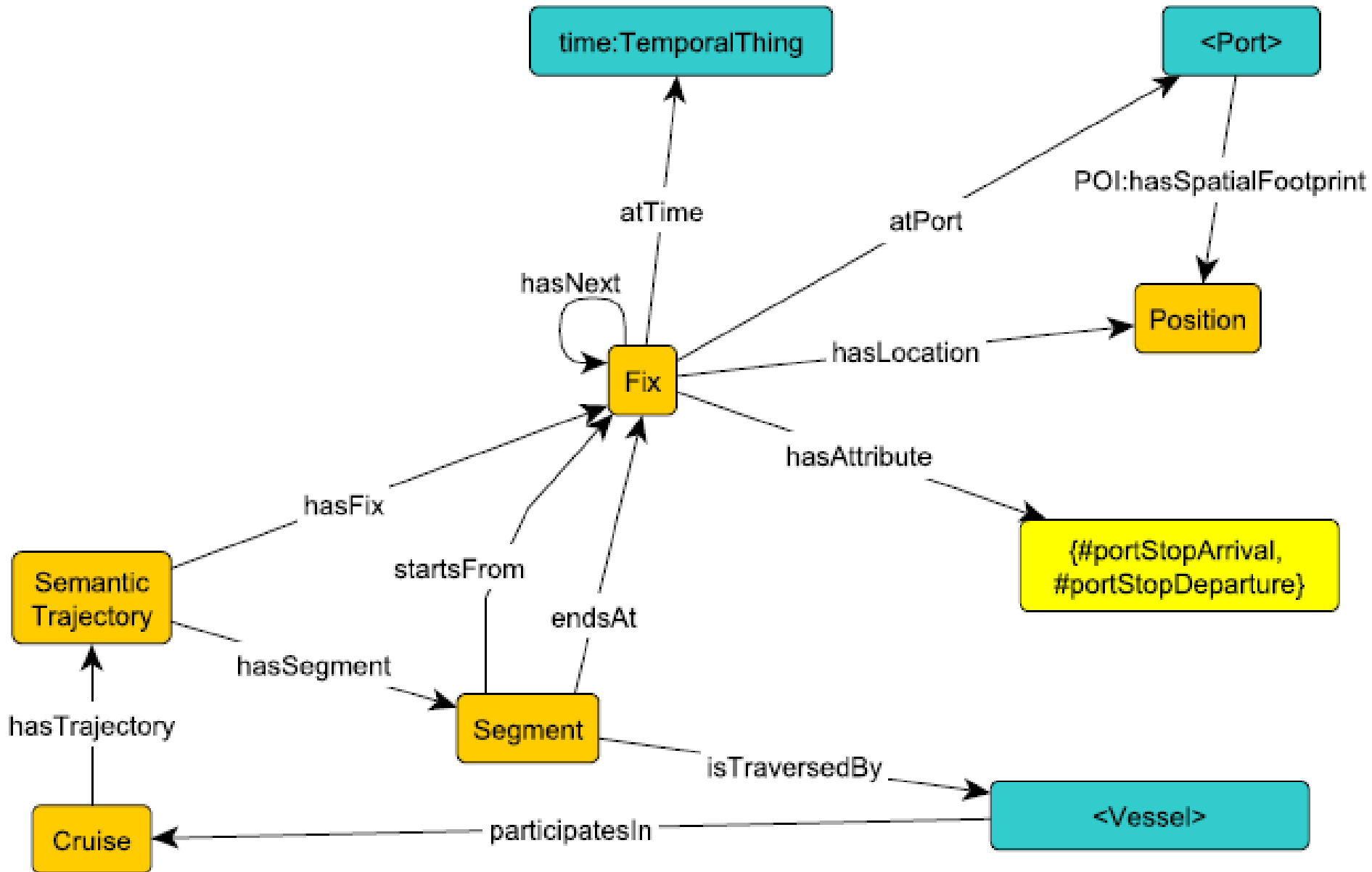
$$\exists hasSegment^- .SemanticTrajectory \sqsubseteq Segment \quad (19)$$

$$\exists hasFix.Segment \sqsubseteq SemanticTrajectory \quad (20)$$

$$\exists hasFix^- .SemanticTrajectory \sqsubseteq Fix \quad (21)$$

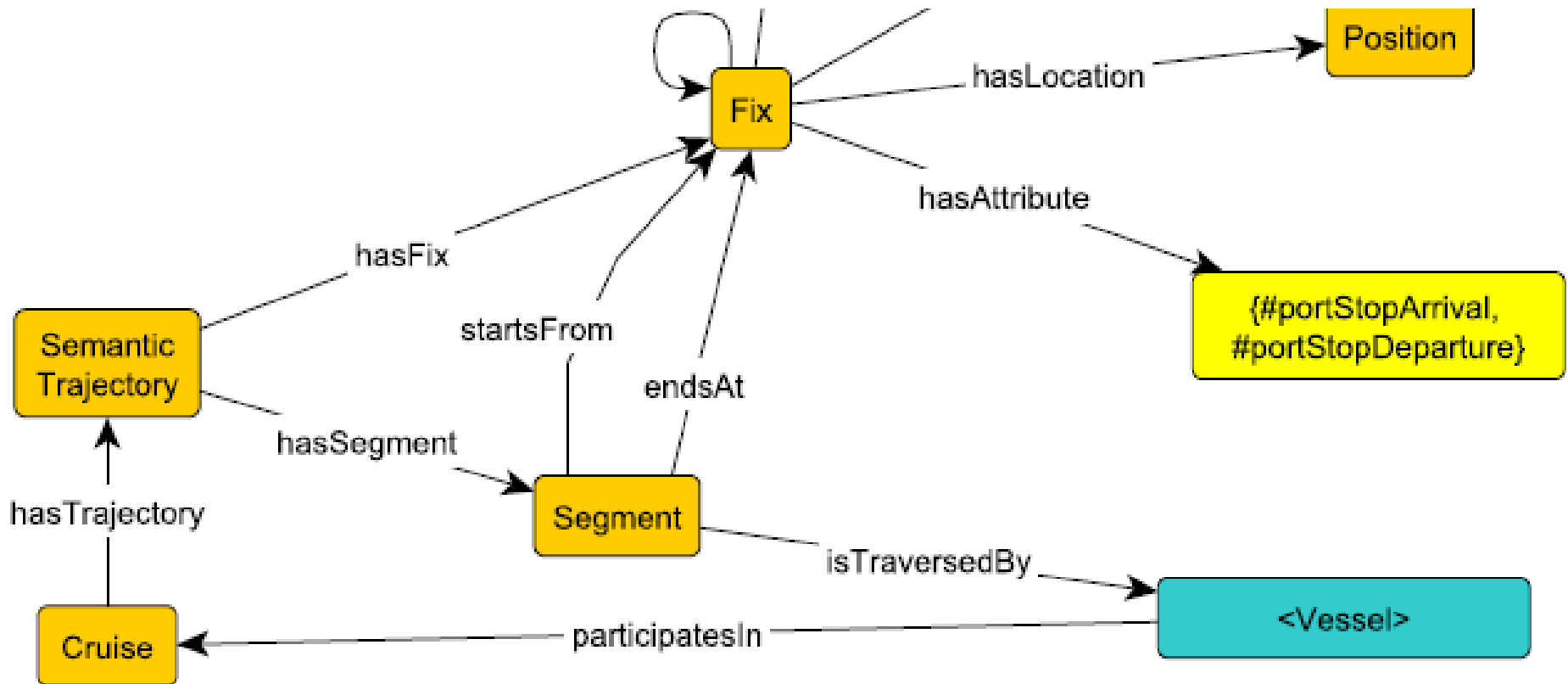


# Cruise trajectory (draft)

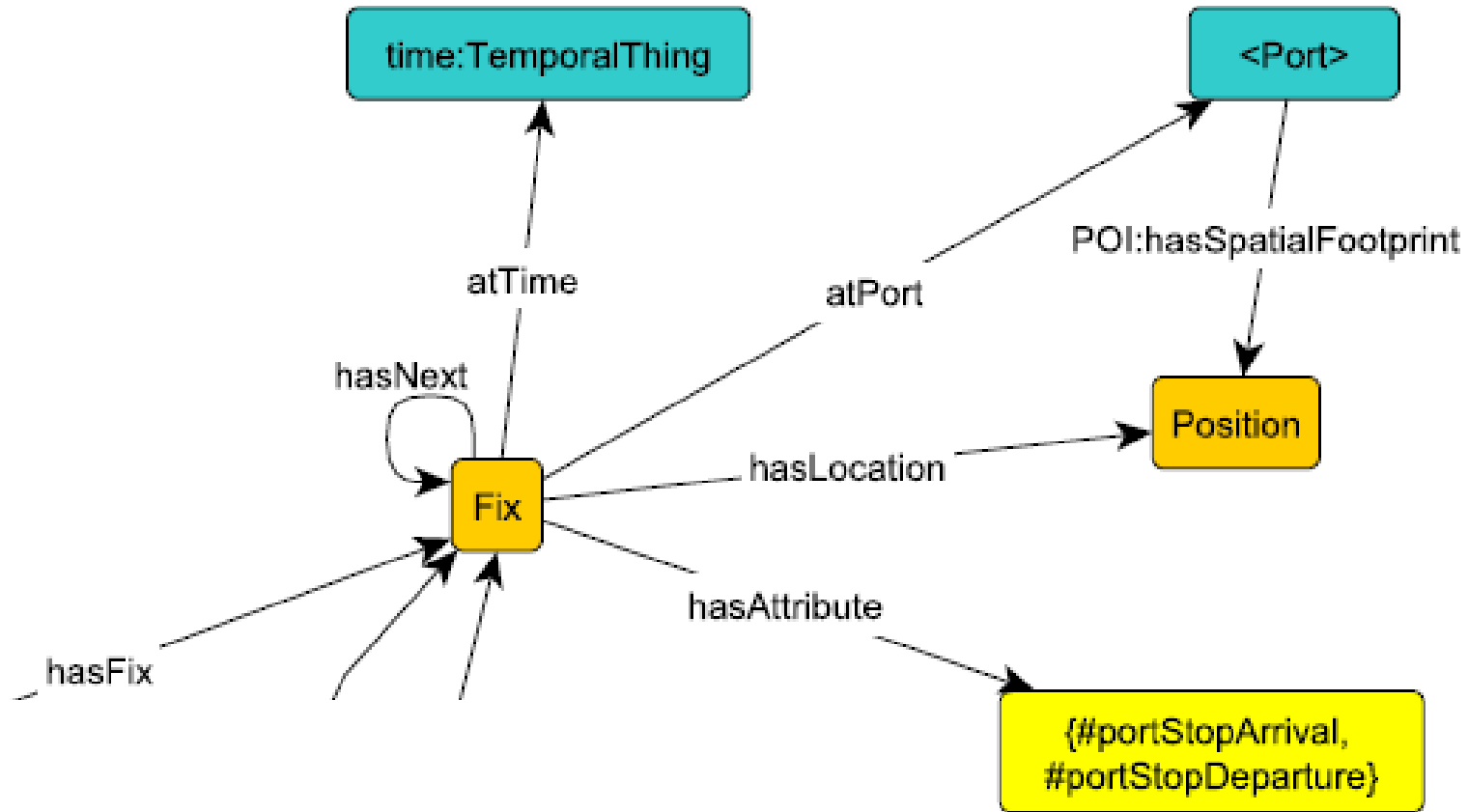




# Cruise trajectory

$$\begin{aligned} & \text{Cruise}(x) \wedge \text{hasTrajectory}(x, y) \\ & \quad \wedge \text{hasSegment}(y, z) \wedge \text{isTraversedBy}(z, v) \\ & \quad \rightarrow \text{participatesIn}(v, z) \end{aligned}$$


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$$\text{Cruise} \equiv \exists \text{cruise.Self}$$
$$\begin{aligned} & \text{cruise} \circ \text{hasTrajectory} \circ \text{hasSegment} \circ \text{isTraversedBy} \\ & \quad \sqsubseteq \text{hasParticipant} \end{aligned}$$
$$\text{hasParticipant} \equiv \text{participatesIn}^-$$



$\text{Fix}(x) \wedge \text{hasAttribute}(x, \#portStopArrival)$   
 $\wedge \text{atPort}(x, y) \wedge \text{hasSpatialFootprint}(y, z)$   
 $\wedge \text{hasLocation}(x, w) \rightarrow \text{locatedIn}(w, z)$

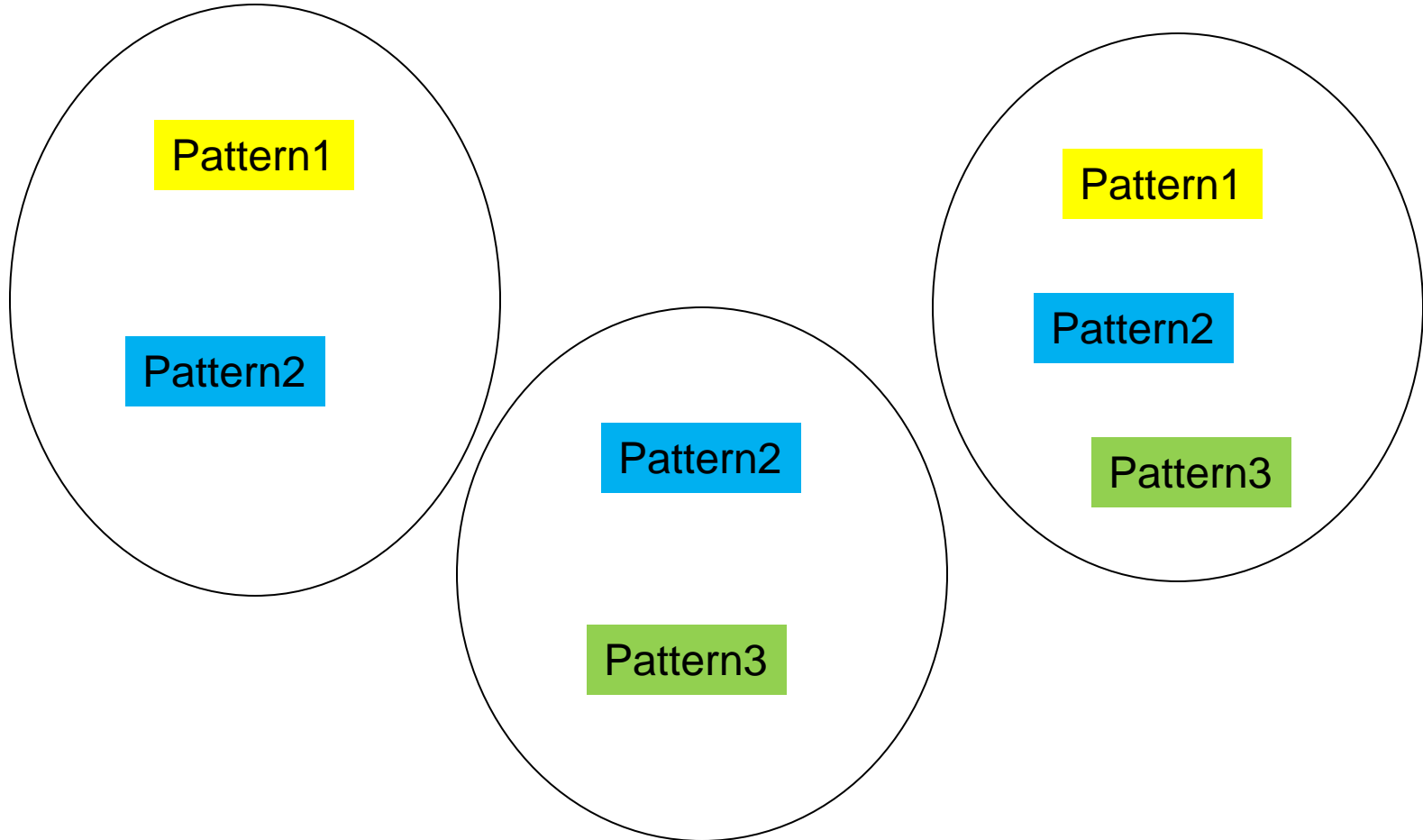


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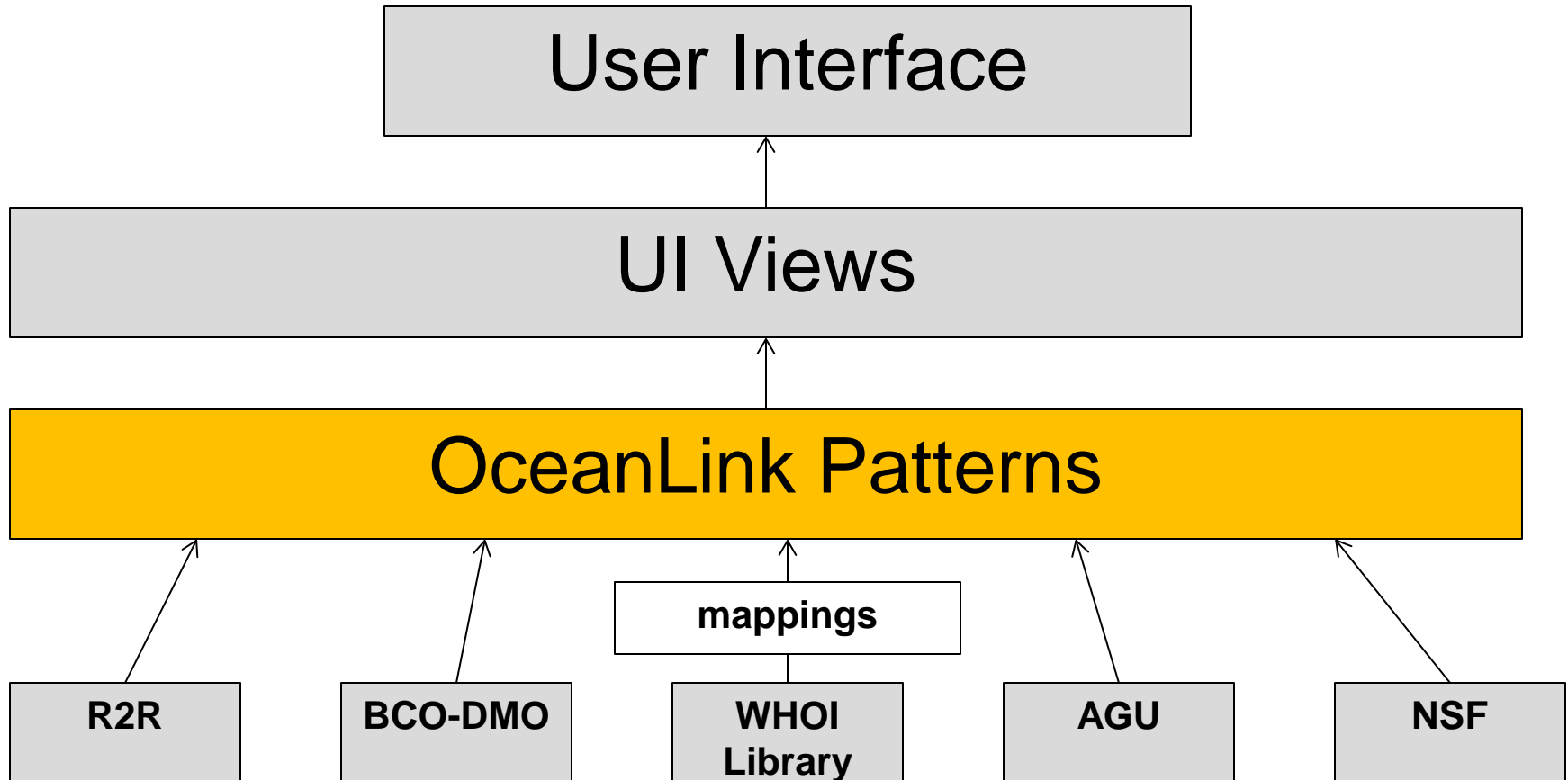
**Traditionally, ODPs are thought of as building blocks for ontology modeling.**

**This idea is certainly valid in the context of special purpose ontology-based systems.**

**However, it can be argued that ODPs can be much more than mere building blocks.**

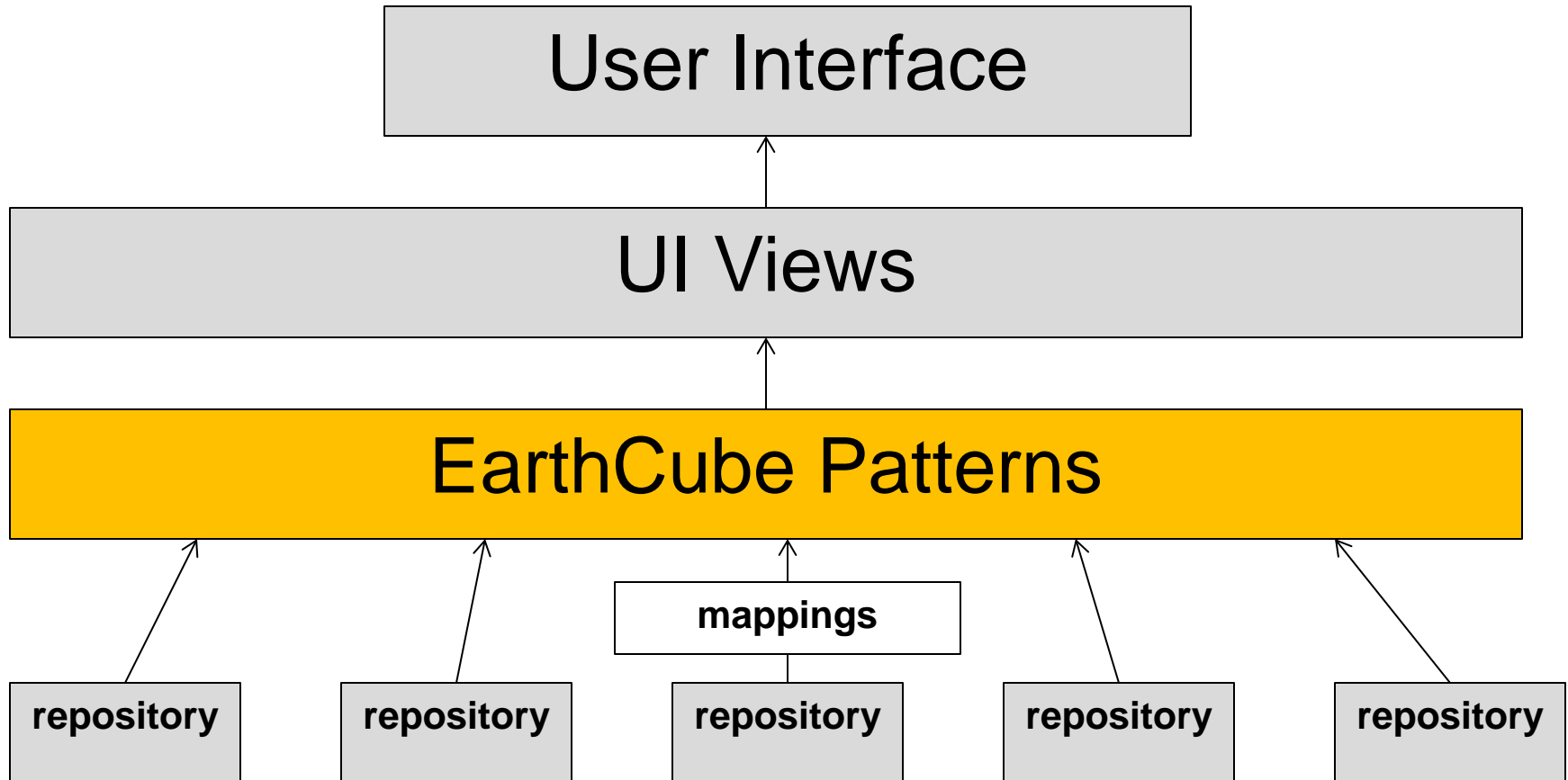


**“Horizontal” alignment via patterns**



- **Pattern-driven GUIs**
- **Pattern-driven mapping tools**
- **Pattern-driven query rewriting**
- **Pattern-driven reasoning modularization**
- ...





**Thanks!**

- BCO-DMO: Biological & Chemical Oceanography Data Management Office, <http://www.bco-dmo.org/>
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